THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Some representations have been received.

(b) It has been decided not to shift Tezpur station from the existing site to Dekargaon.

Shuttle train between Nalbari and Guwahati

267. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government for introducing a shuttle train between Nalbari and Guwahati in view of public demand; and

(b) if so, by when this shuttle train is expected to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The request was examined and not found justified in face of low passenger traffic and already existing train services.

Discrimination in AIDS tests

263. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to make AIDS tests compulsory for all foreign students coming to the country while the tourists, embassy/High Commission staff or accredited journalists have been exempted from such tests; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for having selective and discriminatory tests and whether such a screening would be helpful in effectively checking the spread of AIDS virus in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) All foreign students being admitted into any Indian Educational/Research/Training Institute are required to undergo AIDS test within one month of arrival in India. Govt. has also decided that all foreigners, who intend to stay in India for more than one year shall be subjected to AIDS test except those foreigners working in various missions whether enjoying diplomatic status or not and journalists accredited to the PIB. In addition, persons belonging to high risk groups e.g. Hemosexuals, prostitutes, Drug addict addicts including Intravenous drug abusers, professional blood donors are also subjected to AIDS test. There is no discrimination in the matter of screening of persons for AIDS test and it is proposed to confine AIDS test, for the present, to persons who are in the high risk category. Foreigners who have a longer stay pose more threat of spread of AIDS then a tourist with short stay.

Dissatisfaction among Members of IA and AI Boards

269. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman and several other members of the Air India and Indian Airlines Boards have expressed their desire to quit; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons leading to this situation and what steps have been taken by Government to resolve the differences, if any?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE